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*«Every soul will taste death. And only on Resurrection Day will you be given your full compensation. Whoever is removed from the Fire and admitted to Jannah has surely attained success. And what is the life of this world except the enjoyment of delusion.»*

[Āl 'Imrān 3:185]

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## PRELUDE

## Opening Sermon

إِنَّ الْحَمْدَ لِلَّهِ، نَحْمَدُهُ وَنُسْتَعِينُهُ وَنَسْتَغْفِرُهُ،  
وَنَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنْ شُرُورِ أَنْفُسِنَا وَمِنْ سَيِّئَاتِ أَعْمَالِنَا.  
مَنْ يَهْدِهِ اللَّهُ فَلَا مُضِلَّ لَهُ، وَمَنْ يَضِلَّ فَلَا هَادِيَ لَهُ.

*Al-ḥamdu lillāh.* Indeed, all praise is due to Allāh. We praise Him and seek His help and forgiveness. We seek refuge with Allāh from our souls' evils and our wrong doings. He whom Allāh guides, no one can misguide; and he whom He misguides, no one can guide.

وَأَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ، وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ.  
وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُولُهُ.

I bear witness that there is no (true) god except Allāh — alone without any partners. And I bear witness that Muḥammad (ﷺ) is His 'abd (servant) and messenger.<sup>1</sup>

﴿يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ حَقَّ تَقَاتِهِ،

وَلَا تَمُوتُنَّ إِلَّا وَأَنْتُمْ مُسْلِمُونَ﴾ آل عمران ١٠٢

«O you who believe! Revere Allāh the right  
reverence, and do not die except as Muslims.»<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> The above two paragraphs, together with the following three portions of Qur'ān, are called *Khuṭbat ul-Hājah* (the Sermon of Need). Allāh's Messenger (ﷺ) often started his speeches with this sermon, and was keen on teaching it to his companions. The *ḥadīths* in this regard are recorded by Muslim, Abū Dāwūd, an-Nasā'ī, and others, and are narrated by Ibn Mas'ūd, Ibn 'Abbās, and others (ﷺ). A full discussion of the various reports of this sermon is provided by al-Albānī in his booklet, "*Khuṭbat ul-Hājah*", published by al-Maktab ul-Islāmī, Beirut.

<sup>2</sup> *Āl 'Imrān* 3:102.

## INTRODUCTION

## A Lively Lesson from Death

## A TASTE THAT NO HUMAN-BEING IS SPARED

Death is a definite occurrence that every human will face and taste its bitterness. Every moment brings us closer to it, as Allāh (ﷻ) says:

﴿كُلُّ نَفْسٍ ذَائِقَةُ الْمَوْتِ، وَإِنَّمَا تُؤْفَوْنَ أَجُورَكُمْ يَوْمَ الْقِيَمَةِ، فَمَنْ زُحِرَ عَنِ النَّارِ وَأُدْخِلَ الْجَنَّةَ فَقَدْ فَازَ، وَمَا الْحَيَاةُ الدُّنْيَا إِلَّا مَتَاعُ الْغُرُورِ﴾ آل عمران ١٨٥

«Every soul will taste death. And only on the Day of Resurrection will you be given your full compensation. Whoever is removed from the Fire and admitted to *Jannah* has surely attained success. And what is the life of this world except the enjoyment of delusion.»<sup>1</sup>

No human being is spared the agonies of death — not even the prophets and messengers. Allāh (ﷻ) says to his Messenger (ﷺ):

﴿وَمَا جَعَلْنَا لِبَشَرٍ مِّن قَبْلِكَ الْخُلْدَ، أَفَإِن مَّتَّ فَهُمْ آلُحَدِيدُونَ﴾  
﴿كُلُّ نَفْسٍ ذَائِقَةُ الْمَوْتِ، وَنَبْلُوكُم بِالشَّرِّ وَالْخَيْرِ فِتْنَةً، وَإِلَيْنَا تُرْجَعُونَ﴾ الأنبياء ٣٤-٣٥

«We have not granted immortality to any human

<sup>1</sup> *Āl 'Imrān* 3:185.



## ARRIVAL OF DEATH

## What a Dying Person Should Do

As much as his senses allow, a dying person should try to conclude his life with good deeds that will guarantee for him *Jannah* and save him from all forms of punishment. As it becomes harder for him to maintain a balanced mode of action and speech, those attending him should help him in that.

## GOOD THOUGHTS ABOUT THE LORD

A dying person should have good thoughts and hopes toward his Lord (ﷻ), remembering His great generosity, and looking forward to His blessings and forgiveness. Jābir Bin 'Abdillāh (رضي الله عنه) reported that the Messenger (ﷺ) said:

«لا يموتن أحدكم إلا وهو يحسن الظن بالله تعالى.»

«None of you should die without having good expectations in Allāh (ﷻ).»<sup>1</sup>

## BETWEEN FEAR AND HOPE

A dying believer should be in a state of combined fear and hope: fearing Allāh's punishment for his sins, and hoping for His mercy. Anas (رضي الله عنه) reported that the Messenger (ﷺ) visited a young man who was dying. He asked him, «كيف تجدك؟» «How do you feel?» He replied, «By Allāh, O Messenger of Allāh, I have hope in Allāh, and I fear my sins.» The Messenger (ﷺ) said:

<sup>1</sup> Recorded by Muslim and others.

«لَقِّنُوا مَوْتَاكُمْ "لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ"، مَنْ كَانَ آخِرَ كَلَامِهِ "لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ" عِنْدَ الْمَوْتِ دَخَلَ الْجَنَّةَ يَوْمًا مِنَ الدَّهْرِ، وَإِنْ أَصَابَهُ قَبْلَ ذَلِكَ مَا أَصَابَهُ.»

«Prompt your dying ones to say "*Lā ilāha illa 'Llāh.*" Anyone who concludes his speech at the time of death with "*Lā ilāha illa 'Llāh*" will enter *Jannah* one day, regardless of what happens to him prior to that.»<sup>1</sup>

Ibn Mas'ūd (رضي الله عنه) reported that Allāh's Messenger (ﷺ) said:

«لَقِّنُوا مَوْتَاكُمْ: لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ، فَإِنْ نَفَسَ الْمُؤْمِنُ تَخْرُجُ رَشْحًا، وَنَفَسَ الْكَافِرُ تَخْرُجُ مِنْ شِدْقِهِ كَمَا تَخْرُجُ نَفْسُ الْحَمَارِ.»

«Prompt your dying ones to say "*Lā ilāha illa 'Llāh.*" Indeed, a believer's soul's departure is (easy) like sweating (because of this statement), whereas a disbeliever's soul departs from the side of his mouth (filthy and noisy) like a donkey's soul.»<sup>2</sup>

‘Uthmān (رضي الله عنه) reported that Allāh's Messenger (ﷺ) said:

«مَنْ مَاتَ وَهُوَ يَعْلَمُ أَنَّهُ "لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ" دَخَلَ الْجَنَّةَ.»

«Anyone who dies knowing that, "*Lā ilāha illa 'Llāh*" enters *Jannah*.»<sup>3</sup>

Jābir Bin ‘Abdillāh (رضي الله عنه) reported that Allāh's Messenger (ﷺ) said:

«مَنْ مَاتَ لَا يَشْرِكُ بِاللَّهِ شَيْئًا دَخَلَ الْجَنَّةَ.»

«Anyone who dies joining none with Allāh enters

1 Recorded by Muslim, Abū Dāwūd, Ibn Ḥibbān, and others.

2 Recorded by at-Ṭabarānī in *al-Kabīr*. Verified to be authentic by al-Albānī (*aṣ-Ṣaḥīḥah* no. 2151).

3 Recorded by Muslim and Aḥmad.

*Jannah.*<sup>1</sup>

The prompting is not done by merely uttering the *Shahādah* in the presence of the dying person so that he would hear it. Rather, he should be commanded and helped to utter it himself. Anas (رضي الله عنه) reported that Allāh's Messenger (ﷺ) visited a dying man of the Anṣār and said to him:

«يَا خَالَ، قُلْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ.»

«O my maternal uncle! Say, "*Lā ilāha illa 'Llāh.*"»

The man asked, "Am I your maternal or paternal uncle?" The Prophet (ﷺ) replied, «*Maternal.*» He asked, "Is it good for me to say, '*Lā ilāha illa 'Llāh*'?" He (ﷺ) replied, «*Yes!*»<sup>2</sup>

It is apparent from this *ḥadīth* that the man was slightly at loss of reason, as he was more interested in knowing his relationship to the Prophet (ﷺ) than saying the *Shahādah*. Yet, the Prophet (ﷺ) was keen to make him say it, and in the process answered his other question.

#### SUPPLICATING AND SAYING GOOD THINGS

When visiting a dying person, one should supplicate sincerely for him and say good things that give him glad tidings. This is covered in our discussion of sickness<sup>3</sup>. Umm Salamah (رضي الله عنها) reported that Allāh's Messenger (ﷺ) said:

«إِذَا حَضَرْتُمُ الْمَرِيضَ أَوْ الْمَيِّتَ فَقُولُوا خَيْرًا، فَإِنَّ الْمَلَائِكَةَ يَوْمُنُونَ عَلَى مَا تَقُولُونَ.»

«When you are present with a sick or dying person, say good things, because the angels endorse what you say (by saying *āmīn*).»

Umm Salamah (رضي الله عنها) added that when Abū Salamah (رضي الله عنه) died, she went

1 Recorded by Muslim and Aḥmad.

2 Recorded by Aḥmad; verified to be authentic by al-Albānī (*Aḥkām ul-Janā'iz* p. 20).

3 Part 1 of "The Inevitable Journey" series (Sickness: Regulations & Exhortations).